

Treasure Valley Forest Service Retirees

June 2020

Message from the President

By
F. Carl Pence

INTERESTING TIMES

This winter certainly has been interesting both politically, weather-wise, and of course with modifications we have had to adjust to regarding the Covid19 Pandemic. I've certainly missed our monthly luncheons. But, I hope you all have weathered the times. I haven't heard if any of us contracted the virus, and hope none of us have, at least so far.

As for our meeting strategy for the future, we will closely monitor the State's and Boise City's decisions to see if



we can have our June Picnic. We will be making a decision sometime this month and will let you know. Some of my internet friends certainly have been busy, as if they had nothing to do but search the web and send things to others. For me, most of them were either deleted or quickly scanned and then deleted. But I did find some interesting ones and sent some of the

good ones on to others. One showed a one-hundred-year cycle of pandemic infections. One hundred years ago there was the Spanish Flu that killed thousands right at the end of WW I. Then there was the Cholera Epidemic of 1820, and before that there was the "Black Plague" of 1720. The historic record didn't go beyond that, but it would be interesting to search further, I know there were other sieges of sickness.

Then, just last week I got an email that contained new lyrics to one of my favorite songs, "The Sound of Silence". In the lyrics two guys harmonized wonderfully and did a good job of describing the isolation and boredom some are experiencing in a humorous manner. I'm glad some can find humor in it all. As for Vicki and me, we are not bored and seem to be busier than normal. Vicki, being a talented seamstress decided she needed to

make face masks for all our friends and family. I lost count of how many she has made, but I have two which I can use. Added to that, our son works for Boise City and his wife is a nurse with Saint Luke's. Because of the Corona Virus they have been extra busy, and they have six children, 4 through 13 years old, who are now not in school. So, not only have we been taking care of them at least half the time, we are heavily involved in home schooling.

Today, as I was helping my 2nd grade grandson through his homework, I learned a new word, "homophone". First, I thought it a misspelling of another similar word but found homophone is words that sound the same, but have different meanings. Most are spelled differently like, two, too, and to. My biggest challenge in that regard is assisting with the new math thinking. But I'm finding I'm not too old to learn new things though. I'm certainly looking forward to getting back to a more normal future, but regardless, face masks may be part of that. ♡

Imagine you were born in 1900

The population of the United States was 76, 212,168 in 1900, a 21% increase from the 1890 census.

On your 14th birthday, World War I started, and ends when you are 18. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until your 20th birthday infecting one-third the world's population and causing 50 million deaths. On your 29th birthday, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, the world Gross Domestic Product (GDP) drops 27%. The plummeting stock prices led to losses between 1929 and 1931 of an estimated \$50 billion. That runs until you are 33. The Dust Bowl started in 1930 and ended on your 36th birthday. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy. In 1933, The New Deal social and economic programs are passed by the United States to address depression era economics and the Civilian Conservation Corps is authorized under the Federal Unemployment Relief Act that provided work for two and one-half million men. When you turn, 39, World War II starts.

You aren't even over the hill yet. And don't try to catch your breath. On your 41st birthday, the United States is fully pulled into WWII until you are 45. At 50, the Korean War starts. At 55 the Vietnam War begins. When you are 62 the Cuban Missile Crisis threatens to end life on our planet as we know it. When you turn 75,

the Vietnam War finally ends and the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 858. The population of the United States was 216 million in 1975.

Perspective is amazing. Yes, we are in a challenging time nowadays. Try to remember everything that those born in 1900 endured and accomplished, and have faith that we will endure as well. Let's be smart and help each other out-we will get through all of this. ☺

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE PICNIC AND MEETING - CANCELLED

PLACE: VETERANS MEMORIAL SHELTER

JUNE 17, 12:00 NOON TO 1:30 PM

PROGRAM: SOCIAL AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R4 OLD TIMER'S REUNION- CANCELLED

PLACE: STANLEY, IDAHO

SEPTEMBER 14 & 15, 2020

OCTOBER MEETING AND PROGRAM-

PLACE: GOLDEN CORRAL

OCTOBER 21, 12:00 NOON TO 1:30 PM

PROGRAM: TBA -

NOVEMBER MEETING AND PROGRAM-

PLACE: GOLDEN CORRAL

NOVEMBER 18, 12:00 NOON TO 1:30 PM

PROGRAM: TBA

NATIONAL SMOKEJUMPER REUNION

JUNE 4,5,6 2021, BOISE ID

2021 FOREST SERVICE RETIREES REUNION-

PLACE: LAKE TAHOE, CA & NV

SEPTEMBER 13-17, 2021

WWW.2021FSREUNIONS.ORG

What influenced You to work for the Forest Service?

Last newsletter was an article about what influenced Frank Elder to have a career with the Forest Service. Please send your story about what influenced you to lyonhudson@aol.com. ☺

THOMAS TIDWELL

17th Chief of the Forest Service, 2009 - 2017

Thomas Tidwell grew up in Boise, Idaho, and attended classes at both Washington State University and the University of Idaho. He began his Forest Service career on the Boise National Forest, and has since worked on eight different national forests in three regions.

His various positions have included working on a fire



ground crew, Forest Supervisor, District Ranger, and Legislative Affairs in the Washington Office, where he worked on the National Fire Plan, planning rule, the roadless rule and the Secure Rural Schools County Payments Act. He was supervisor of the Wasatch-Cache National

Forest during the 2002 Winter Olympics in Utah.

Following his time on the Wasatch-Cache Forest, Tidwell was appointed Deputy Regional Forester for Fire and Aviation Management, Recreation, Engineering, State and Private Forestry and Tribal Relations for the Southwest Region (Region 5) in 2006. In 2007, he was appointed Regional Forester for the Northern Region (Region 1) to succeed Gail Kimbell when she was appointed chief. In June 2009, Tidwell succeeded Kimbell again when he was appointed as chief of the Forest Service. He was the third consecutive person promoted from Region 1 Regional Forester to chief. ☺

National Museum of Forest Service History News

This L-4 Lookout was originally built for the Smithsonian Folklife Festival at the Washington, DC Mall in 2005, the year of the U.S. Forest Service Centennial, by the USFS Preservationist Team. The Lookout was an exhibit at the Festival, attracting thousands of visitors, many of whom had never experienced a Lookout before. After the Festival ended, the Lookout was deconstructed and moved to the 36-acre campus of the National Museum of Forest Service History in Missoula, Montana. There, working with a Forest Service Preservationist Team and Museum

volunteers, the Lookout was reconstructed and partially refurbished. However, the Museum campus was not open to the public at the time, and so the Lookout restoration was not completed. In 2017, the campus was open to the public for the first time, and the campus has



been visited by thousands of visitors from Montana and across the country on a seasonal basis (Memorial

Day – Labor Day) since then.

As of April 2020, we are now ready to move the Lookout approximately 80 yards from its current location to the center of our Forest Discovery Trail and complete the Lookout restoration. The Lookout will become a premier educational exhibit. It will be ADA accessible and furnished. In addition, a complete array of interpretive signage and panels will guide the visitor through the Lookout experience, with photos, text and new interactive features. ♣

William Cannon USFS Retiree & Museum Supporter Leaves Legacy Gift

William (Bill) Cannon has given an important “game changing” financial legacy gift for the construction of the National Museum of Forest Service History’s National Conservation Legacy Center. Bill first became impressed with the National Museum of Forest Service History while attending a field trip to the Museum site in Missoula, Montana during the 2000 U.S. Forest Service Retiree Reunion. Visiting the site, Dave Stack, then Executive Director, explained the possibilities for the Museum as a central repository where U.S. Forest Service documents, records, photographs, objects and oral histories could be collected, interpreted and presented. He also stressed the possibilities for conservation education and enjoyment for the public. Bill became a strong advocate and supporter of the Museum, receiving the Gary G. Brown Founder’s Award in 2015.

Bill highly enjoyed his U. S. Forest Service career where he became an advocate for forest conservation. He was hired by the U.S. Forest Service and his first assignment was on the Six Rivers Ranger District near Gasquet, CA. Subsequently he worked on the Stanislaus National Forest. Bill was then assigned to State and Private

Forestry first as the U.S. Forest Service representative in Hawaii and after returning from Hawaii, in River Basin Planning in San Francisco, then in Portland, OR. He ended his forestry career with the U. S. Forest Service in Washington D.C. where he worked on program planning for State and Private Forestry Programs. While in the U.S. Forest Service, Bill used his avocation of study of financial markets to become an adept financial investor. Bill was born in San Francisco, CA on February 21, 1933 and died peacefully at home in Hood River, OR on Monday, November 11, 2019. After completing a couple of years at City College of San Francisco, Bill joined the Navy, and spent four years of exciting duty in the Pacific Fleet. He was near Bikini Island during tests of nuclear weapons in the early 1950s and later was on two trips to the Arctic as a weather man on an ice-breaker. Upon his discharge from the Navy, he continued his education at his beloved University of California to obtain a forestry degree.

After retirement from the U.S. Forest Service, Bill served as a volunteer with American Forests and helped coordinate the Big Tree program that helps identify, validate, and publish



“champion” big trees of each species for the U.S. All along the way he continued to meet and make new friends, travel on educational tours, enjoy his retirement in Hood River, OR, stay involved in his community, and when possible, “Gone Fishing.”

Bill’s love for the Museum and his passion to ensure U.S. Forest Service history is preserved and shared, prompted Bill to leave the Museum a legacy gift totaling an estimated \$2 million. This gift will be used by the Museum to further the Capital Campaign to build the National Conservation Legacy Center. With Bill’s gift, the Museum is much closer to building the Center and will continue to work towards securing the remaining \$3.3M necessary to start construction. ♣

Ranger Roll Call

The most important history of the Forest Service is the history of its people. And Rangers have been, and are the heartbeat of the agency. The Museum is collecting the names of every Ranger in every District since 1905

and will be compiling this rich history in the Collection for education, research and preservation. Let the Museum know if you have anything to contribute. ♣

Annual Picnic and Meeting Cancelled



The Annual Picnic that was to be held June 17 beginning at noon at the Veterans Memorial Park is cancelled.

We can continue to stay home and not add any additional risk to our exposure to Covid 19. Woody only had 13 people confirmed for attending, Thanks Woody for organizing and coordination. ♣

Region 4 Old Timers Reunion Cancelled

The reunion committee cancelled the reunion being planned for September in Stanley, Idaho due to COVID-19. The unanimous feeling was that the risks of being in a confined space for several days combined with a day-long bus tour outweighed the benefits of all of us being together. We are, after all, in a high-risk group just based on our ages – not to mention other health issues many of our members are dealing with. Let's focus on seeing one another at the National Forest Service Retiree's Reunion being planned for September 13 – 17, 2021 at Lake Tahoe. The committee will also look into the possibility of having a R-4 retiree's reunion next spring. ♣

Forest Service Intermountain Region welcomes acting Regional Forester



The USDA Forest Service Intermountain Region has announced that Frank Beum will serve as acting regional forester, following the retirement of current regional forester Nora Rasure. Beum currently serves as deputy regional forester

for natural resources for the Forest Service Southern

Region in Atlanta, Georgia. Beum is responsible for development and delivery of natural resource policy for national forests in 13 southern states and Puerto Rico. Beum has worked across the Forest Service on seven national forests and five ranger districts in the Rocky Mountain and Southern Regions, as well as in the Southern Regional Office and the Washington Office. He recently served as acting associate deputy chief of the National Forest System, and previously served as the director of forest management for the Southern Region and acting national director of forest management. Beum served as legislative specialist in both the Washington Office and the Southern Region, as forest supervisor on the Daniel Boone National Forest, and as district ranger on the New Castle Ranger District of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. ♣

We Celebrate the Life of this Friend and Extend Our Sympathy to the Families

Dolores Z. Saylor

February 5, 1939 ~ May 2, 2020 (age 81)

Dolores "Doe" Evangelina Zubizarreta Saylor passed away Saturday, May 2, 2020.

On February 5, 1939, in Boise, Idaho, Dolores was born to Mike (Cruz Mateo) and Marie Zubizarreta. Alongside her brother Dave she was raised at the family farm in Hot Springs; later accompanied by two sisters, Juanita and Joella. She worked on the farm - milking cows, tending chickens, bucking bails, gardening, cooking, and hauling water - and graduated from Hot Spring's one room schoolhouse at 14. She attended Bruneau High



School where she was valedictorian, an all-state basketball player, and relished ventures with friends; cow tipping, outhouse tipping, and ratting-out the poachers.

Yearning for something more, she joined St. Alphonsus Technical Training pursuing her interest in x-ray technology. Chasing her dream was more challenging than she expected forcing her into residency in Spokane, WA. As disorienting as the transfer was, it opened the door to an all new future. Enjoying an evening at Van's

Corner – Bar and Dance Hall in Priest Lake, Idaho, she met the love of her life, Rollie, and they danced the night away. In their 55 years together, their family grew with the addition of a son, John, and a daughter, Michele, lending to three grandchildren, Cruz, Miku, and Reiana and one great-granddaughter, Audree.

Putting her personal ambitions aside, they pursued the life of a Forest Ranger, living in cabins with rotted floors, bats in the attic, packrats in cellars, flying squirrels parasailing through the living room, and no telephone, television, radio or conveniences of the 20th century. Life in the back country and forests of north-western Montana life presented experiences of which most would never dream. Grocery shopping was at best a two-hour adventure of rough mountain roads, communication with the work through bi-monthly visits by the postman, and the ice cream truck a highly anticipated once-a-season visit from the produce man. Daytime entertainment for the Saylor family was rope swings, fishing excursions, milling around amongst the



horses and pack-mules, building sandcastles on the beach where the South Fork of the Flathead River and the Spotted Bear River merged, joined. picking huckleberries and blackcaps, and collecting pinecones serenaded by bugling elk.

Evenings were

cards, boardgames, and an endless supply of records accompanied by the crackle of a potbelly stove. An experience-of-a-lifetime!

As her children got older and promotions delivered her from the backwoods, she was able to continue her childhood dreams as a X-ray technologist in Missoula, Montana; Ogden, Utah and finally back where it all started in Boise, Idaho. She was passionate about her career and dedicated to continuous learning which allowed her to enjoy her medical career for more than 40 years.

She was able to pursue her childhood dreams in Missoula, Montana and later in Ogden, Utah and Boise, Idaho as an x-ray technologist for 40+ years. She said, you should always enjoy what you do and never quit learning.

Dolores and Rollie retired in their dream home in Eagle, ID where they enjoyed working in the yard, hosting family events, and relaxing on mini vacations to Iowa,

road trips to McCall, Idaho City, and Sun Valley, and a relaxing cruise to Alaska.

Her love and devotion were to her family and faith, while she enjoyed visits with life-long friends over coffee and endless conversations on the telephone. Her days always ended with a visit to the Adoration Chapel or praying the Rosary. Memorial contributions may be made in Dolores' name to St. Ignatius Catholic School Foundation (6300 N. Meridian Road, Meridian, ID 83646) as education and learning were of significance to her.

Our family has truly been blessed by such an aspiring, persevering lady, and to this we wish there is a "Mother's Day in Heaven":

If Roses grow in Heaven

Lord please pick a bunch for me,

Place them in my Mother's arms

And tell her they're from me.

Tell her I love her and miss her,

And when she turns to smile,

Place a kiss upon her cheek,

And hold her for a while.

Because remembering her is easy,

I do it every day,

But there is an ache within my heart

That will never go away.

She is survived by her spouse, Rollie Saylor, their two children: John (Mitsue) and grandchildren Miku and Reiana of Kusatsu, Japan, and Michele (Victor) Otazua of Meridian, Idaho and grandson Cruz (Stefanee) and great granddaughter, Audree of Montesano, WA. She is also survived by her two sisters, Juanita (Alberto) Bilbao and their two daughters of Boise, ID, and Joella (Matthew) Reynolds of Kettle Falls, WA and their three daughters and families, niece Tammy (Danny) Montes de Oca and family of Elko, NV, and numerous cousins. She is preceded in passing by her parents and brother, Dave.

Rosary and Funeral Services will be provided by Holy Apostles Catholic Church and are tentatively scheduled for late July 2020 when family and friends may enjoy a celebration of Dolores' life. †

Trivia

The Boise National Forest was created in 1908 from portions of the Payette National and Sawtooth Forest Reserves. Who was the first Forest Supervisor?

Did you know?

The worst wildfire in terms of lives lost was the 1871, Peshtigo Fire in Wisconsin, which at least 1200 people

died. Never heard of it? Perhaps that's because it was overshadowed by another blaze that happened the same night: The Great Chicago Fire. (Readers Digest). The Great Fire of 1910 recorded 87 deaths while the 2018 Camp Fire in Norther California claimed 85 lives and was the deadliest in the century, †

Trivia Answer
Emil Grandjean

Club Officers 2010 to 2020		
Year	President	Secretary /Treasurer
2009-2010	<i>F. Carl Pence</i>	<i>Barney Lyons</i>
2010-2011	<i>F. Carl Pence</i>	<i>Barney Lyons</i>
2011-2012	<i>F. Carl Pence</i>	<i>Barney Lyons</i>
2012-2013	<i>Rollie Saylor</i>	<i>Susan Prentiss</i>
2013-2014	<i>F. Carl Pence</i>	<i>Susan Prentiss</i>
2014-2015	<i>F. Carl Pence</i>	<i>Susan Prentiss</i>
2015-2016	<i>F. Carl Pence</i>	<i>Susan Prentiss</i>
2016-2017	<i>F. Carl Pence</i>	<i>Susan Prentiss</i>
2017-2018	<i>F. Carl Pence</i>	<i>Joan Oliver</i>
2018-2019	<i>F. Carl Pence</i>	<i>Joan Oliver</i>
2018-2020	<i>F. Carl Pence</i>	<i>Joan Oliver</i>

The Old Timers Club of the Boise Area was organized in 1950: its purpose is to protect, perpetuate and preserve the traditions and “esprit de corps” of the Forest Service, its employees and retirees, and to maintain contacts and good fellowship among those retired and those nearing retirement. We strive to maintain that wonderful “family feeling” which is characteristic of Forest Service employees, nation-wide. November 15, 2006, the Old Timer’s Club of Boise was changed to the Treasure Valley Forest Service Old Timers’ Club to represent a larger area than just Boise. The Club has filed as an unincorporated nonprofit association with the Idaho Secretary of State. †

1920 - ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO!

The year is 1920
 "One hundred years ago"
 Very interesting for all ages.
 This will boggle your mind!
 The year is 1920 "One hundred years ago."

What a difference a century makes!
 Here are some statistics for the Year 1920:
 The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
 Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.
 Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
 Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
 The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
 The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
 The average US wage in 1920 was 22 cents per hour.
 The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
 A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year.
 A dentist earned \$2,500 per year.
 A veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year.
 And, a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
 More than 95 percent of all births took place at home
 Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!
 Sugar cost four cents a pound.
 Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
 Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
 Most women only washed their hair once a month, And, used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
 Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
 The Five leading causes of death were:
 1. Pneumonia and influenza
 2. Tuberculosis
 3. Diarrhea
 4 Heart disease
 5. Stroke
 The American flag had 45 stars ...
 The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.
 Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
 There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day.
 Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write
 And, only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
 Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at local corner drugstores.
 Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach, bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health!"
 Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help...
 There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.
 It is impossible to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.
 We've come a long way.... OR have we?